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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 1, 2026

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Mass Intentions - Week of February 28 to March 7

SATURDAY February 28 – 5pm

Rosaria Addario by Maria Fazzalari
 Lucy Longo by Luisa & Jim Fazzalari



SUNDAY March 1 - 9:00am

Second Sunday of Lent

Lidia Labricciosa by Maria Fazzalari
 For the Intentions of Agi & Nadia Mete by Jacky Jayan
 For the Wellbeing of Georgia by Grandmother

11:00am - For all your Intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm

In Honour of St. Augustine by G. Pang

TUESDAY March 3 - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration

Amie Garland by Maria Fazzalari



WEDNESDAY March 4 - 9:00am

Lidia Labricciosa by Teresa DiGioia

THURSDAY March 5 - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration

Gratitude to Blessed Mother by David Fox

FRIDAY March 6 - 9:35am

Raymond Ashby by David Fox

6:30pm – Stations of the Cross and Prayers

SATURDAY March 7 - 5pm

Florence Holland by Daughter Mary Lamb

Lidia Labricciosa by Rita Lowry

Carmela Bocchini by John & Kay Kiss



SUNDAY March 8 - 9:00am

Third Sunday of Lent

Franco Sdao by Franca Sdao

Antonio Giovinazzo by Family

Michael Angelo Mammoliti by Grandchildren

11:00am - For all your Intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm

In honour of St. Paul by G. Pang

Confession Tuesday to Friday 8:00pm – 9:00pm

No Confessions on Solemnity of St. Joseph

March 19, & from around Holy Week March 24 to April 13

Lenten Wednesdays (from Feb. 25 for six weeks)

Video Talk on The Theology of the Body from 6.30pm to 8pm, at the Church. ***Please join us as we explore the revolutionary teachings of Pope St. John Paul II. We will view a 50 minute video with engaging discussion as we understand the dignity of human love.***



POPE LEO's Lenten Message: Listening and Fasting - Part 1

Dear brothers and sisters, Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the

center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the Word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the Word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying Him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of His passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Listening: This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the Word through *listening*. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone.

In revealing Himself to Moses in the burning bush, God Himself teaches us that listening is one of His defining characteristics: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry" (Ex 3:7). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for His children who have been reduced to slavery. Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today He shares with us what is in His heart. Because of this, listening to the Word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen *as He does*. We must recognize that "the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church."

Fasting: If Lent is a time for listening, *fasting* is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the Word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we "hunger" for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our "appetites," keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbour.

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